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The Necessity and Nature of the Atonement (Part Seven)

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The Atonement: Nature

Penal Substitution

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The Atonement: Nature

Isaiah 53:5 – “He was pierced through for our transgression, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well being fell upon Him...”

Gal. 3:13 – “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE.”

Col. 2:14 – “having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

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The Atonement: Nature

1 Pet. 3:18 – “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God...”

Heb. 2:17 – “Therefore, He had to made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

1 John 2:1-2 – “...if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins...”

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The Atonement: Nature

1. Who is the author of reconciliation?

- God, the Father
 - God initiated and provided completely for our reconciliation
 - Though offended, God in His love provides the means for removing His offense

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2. Who is the agent of reconciliation?

- Christ Jesus (God, the Son)
 - God reconciled us “in” and “through” Christ
 - Jesus is not an independent mediator or a helpless victim

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The Atonement: Nature

3. What is the essence of reconciliation?

- “not counting their trespasses against them”
 - it is not chiefly the overcoming of man’s attitude, but the removal of man’s guilt
 - it is the removal of sin’s penalty, which is the just judgment/wrath of God

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The Atonement: Nature

4. What is the basis of reconciliation?

- the penal substitutionary death of Jesus
 - “*He made Him sin*” – God counted our sins against Christ as our substitute (bore sin’s penalty)
 - We are counted righteous in Christ and are thereby reconciled to God

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The Atonement: Nature

Conclusion

- “***Be reconciled to God***”
 - By faith received the reconciliation that God has accomplished through Christ

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